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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1.-21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A method for managing communications over a plurality of ~~networked devices~~ connected to a network, the method comprising:

~~exchanging sending, by a first user device in said network, a first directed, one to one communication between a first networked device and to a second networked user device in said network~~ over a secure communication channel established between said first ~~networked user~~ device and said second ~~networked user~~ device using a first type of communication medium, the first type of communication medium being a point-to-point medium; and

configuring, by said first user device via said secure communication channel, a use of a second type of communication medium, different from said first type of communication medium, by at least said second ~~networked user~~ device, the second type of communication medium being a shared medium, wherein said configuring enables said second ~~networked user~~ device to broadcast messages to a third ~~networked device in said network~~ over said shared medium in a manner that allows said messages to be heard by other ~~networked devices in said network~~ within range of said second ~~networked user~~ device and said third ~~networked device~~.

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein said configuring comprises:

~~exchanging sending, by said first user device, a second communication between~~

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~~said first networked device and to~~ said third ~~networked~~ device over said shared medium.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein said second ~~networked~~ user device initiates said first communication.

26. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein at least one of: said first ~~networked~~ user device and said second ~~networked~~ user device is a personal computing device.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, wherein said personal computing device is at least one of: a personal digital assistant, a tablet computer, a laptop computer, a mobile phone, a handheld gaming device and a picoradio.

28. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein said ~~first networked~~ third device is a network resource.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein said network resource is at least one of: a printer, a projection display, a robot, a scanner, a facsimile machine and a data collection device.

30. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein said ~~first networked~~ third device is part of a wired communications network.

31. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein said second ~~networked~~ user device is part of a wireless communication network.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 22, wherein said point-to-point medium is at least one of: an infrared communications network and a radio frequency communications network.

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33. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein said first communication grants ~~at least one of said first networked device and~~ said second networked user device a capability to perform a specified action in accordance with said shared medium.

34. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 22, wherein said configuring comprises:

providing data to said second networked user device to enable said second networked user device to connect to said shared medium.

35. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a plurality of instructions, the plurality of instructions including instructions which, when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform the steps of a method for managing communications over a plurality of networked devices connected to a network, the method comprising:

~~exchanging sending, by a first user device in said network, a first directed, one to one communication between a first networked device and to~~ a second networked user device in said network over a secure communication channel established between said first networked user device and said second networked user device using a first type of communication medium, the first type of communication medium being a point-to-point medium; and

configuring, by said first user device via said secure communication channel, a use of a second type of communication medium, different from said first type of communication medium, by at least said second networked user device, the second type of communication medium being a shared medium, wherein said configuring enables said second networked user device to broadcast messages to a third networked device in said network over said shared medium in a manner that allows said messages to be heard by other networked devices in said network within range of said second networked user device and said third networked device.

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36. (Cancelled)

37. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein said configuring comprises:

~~exchanging sending, by said first user device, a second communication between said first networked device and to~~ said third ~~networked~~ device over said shared medium.

38. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein said second ~~networked~~ user device initiates said first communication.

39. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein at least one of: said first ~~networked~~ user device and said second ~~networked~~ user device is a personal computing device.

40. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 39, wherein said personal computing device is at least one of: a personal digital assistant, a tablet computer, a laptop computer, a mobile phone, a handheld gaming device and a picoradio.

41. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein said ~~first networked~~ third device is a network resource.

42. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 41, wherein said network resource is at least one of: a printer, a projection display, a robot, a scanner, a facsimile machine and a data collection device.

43. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein said ~~first networked~~ third device is part of a wired communications network.

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44. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein said second ~~networked~~ user device is part of a wireless communication network.

45. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein said point-to-point medium is at least one of: an infrared communications network and a radio frequency communications network.

46. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein said first communication grants ~~at least one of said first networked device and said second networked~~ user device a capability to perform a specified action in accordance with said shared medium.

47. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable medium of claim 35, wherein said configuring comprises:

providing data to said second ~~networked~~ user device to enable said second ~~networked~~ user device to connect to said shared medium.